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# Maggie Brooks

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **BROOKS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNOUNCE PILOT PROGRAM TO STREAMLINE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced that her office and that of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn have been working closely with Greece Town Supervisor Jack Auberger and Greece Police Chief Merritt Rahn to develop a pilot program that will help consolidate investigative efforts by crossing jurisdictional boundaries.

"The primary goal of this pilot program is to establish an effective local system that integrates criminal justice resources and agencies," said Brooks. "This new approach will help focus and consolidate selected investigations and will eliminate redundancy, save manpower and time, and likely result in solving some crimes more quickly."

The pilot program will integrate the investigation effort by assigning a single investigator to work with the Sheriff's Office to review and identify criminal incidents that have common links or are highly similar. Very often, crime incidents occurring in different communities share similar elements and ultimately turn out to be perpetrated by the same criminal. Such multi-jurisdictional incidents frequently impact the city of Rochester, the town of Greece, and numerous other suburban communities. Traditionally, investigators from each affected jurisdiction are assigned to follow up on each separate incident. That causes a significant duplication in investigative energy and, by its independent nature, can seriously fragment relevant information. Under the new program, once an investigator has identified a case where a consolidated single investigation would be more effective, a single officer will be assigned to follow through with the investigation.

"I want to applaud both the Sheriff's Office and the Greece Police Department for taking the lead in this initiative. This is clearly an enhancement to investigative techniques and an important measure in the interest of public safety."

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